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TAGS: CASC (MOTTA, TONI AGATINA)

SUBJECT: W/W TONI AGATINA MOTTA

REF: A) STATE 062755; B) BUENOS AIRES 0306; C) BUENOS  
AIRES 0418; D) BOGOTA 1227; E) BOGOTA 0300; F) BOGOTA  
0226 (ALL NOTALS)

1) WE ARE REPEATING TO ASUNCION AND MONTEVIDEO REF. A  
WHICH GIVES BACKGROUND ON CASE OF TONI MOTTA WHO  
REPORTEDLY DISAPPEARED IN LATIN AMERICA IN 1980. ROBERT  
MOTTA, HER BROTHER, WHO IS RESIDENT IN ITALY, IS NOW  
IN WASHINGTON SEEKING ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING HIS SISTER  
THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT, CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES AND HUMAN  
RIGHTS GROUPS. THE INFORMATION NOW PROVIDED BY ROBERT  
MOTTA ABOUT COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS SISTER DIFFERS  
SOMEWHAT FROM THAT IN REF A AND THEREFORE WE ARE ASKING  
FOR NEW W/W SEARCHES. MOTTA PLANS TO BE IN U.S. UNTIL  
MARCH 22; ANY INTERIM REPORTS POSSIBLE BY THAT DATE WILL  
BE APPRECIATED.

2) FOR BUENOS AIRES: ACCORDING TO ROBERT MOTTA, A LETTER  
FROM HIS SISTER FROM BOGOTA INDICATED THAT SHE AND

SALVATORE PRIVITERA SPENT THREE WEEKS IN BUENOS AIRES  
PROBABLY IN MAY. THEY THEN MAY HAVE GONE TO COLOMBIA.  
HOWEVER, SOME TIME IN AUGUST TONI'S MOTHER IN ITALY  
RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL, REPORTEDLY IN WHICH TONI SAID  
SHE WAS IN ARGENTINA. ROBERT SPECULATES BUENOS AIRES  
OR ROSARIO. TONI CONTINUED THAT THEY WERE LEAVING BY  
PLANE THAT NIGHT FOR EITHER PARAGUAY OR URUGUAY.  
(INFORMATION IN REF A PLACED THE LAST CALL IN JUNE AND  
THE ONGOING DESTINATION AS ECUADOR.) PLEASE REQUEST  
RECORDS CHECKS FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY, JULY AND AUGUST,  
1980. MR. MOTTA ALSO ASKED IF AIRLINE RESERVATIONS OR NAME  
MANIFESTS FOR AUGUST FROM ARGENTINA TO URUGUAY AND  
PARAGUAY COULD BE CHECKED.

3) FOR ASUNCION: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE A CHECK  
OF PARAGUAYAN RECORDS FOR MAY AND AUGUST 1980 WITH  
PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON AIRLINE ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.  
(ONE LETTER FROM TONI MOTTA SUGGESTED THE COUPLE WAS  
GOING FROM PERU TO PARAGUAY IN MAY.)

4) FOR MONTEVIDEO: A CHECK OF RECORDS FOR THE MONTH  
OF AUGUST 1980 WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

5) FOR BOGOTA: ROBERT MOTTA TOLD US A LETTER RECEIVED  
JUNE 4, 1980 FROM HIS SISTER WAS SENT FROM THE HOTEL

BACATA IN BOGOTA. DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE VERIFICATION  
OF THIS, IF POSSIBLE. WE ARE POUCHING ZEROX OF WIDELY  
CIRCULATED SUMMARY OF CASE CONTAINING PHOTOGRAPHS OF  
MOTTA AND PRIVITERA.

6) DEPARTMENT AND ROBERT MOTTA AGREE THAT SALVATORE  
PRIVITERA VERY LIKELY TRAVELLED UNDER ASSUMED NAME.  
MR. MOTTA BELIEVES HIS SISTER WOULD USE ONLY HER  
AMERICAN PASSPORT. WE APPRECIATE POSTS' EFFORTS TO  
DATE AND THE DIFFICULTIES OF FINDING INFORMATION ON THE  
CASE, BUT GIVEN ROBERT MOTTA'S CONCERN AND CONGRESSIONAL  
INTEREST, WE WOULD WELCOME POSTS' BEST EFFORTS AT FURTHER  
SEARCHES.

7) PRIVACY ACT AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED IN CASES WHERE  
INFORMATION RELAYED TO INQUIRER BY POST OR DEPARTMENT.  
AUTHORIZATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS A SPECIFIC ITEM IN  
ANY REPORT TO THE DEPT. HAIG

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